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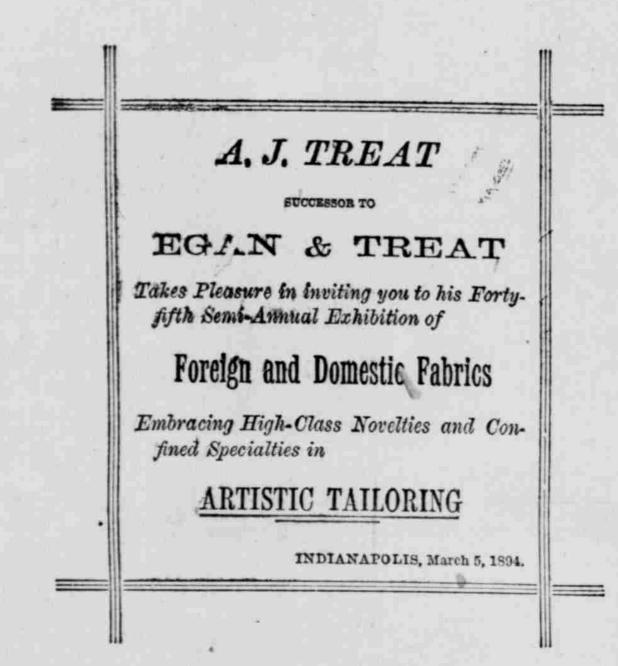
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CLARKSVILLE, Tenn., March 4.-Mrs.

Ellen Boyce attempted to assassinate G. Q. Boyd, a colored lawyer of wide reputation, at 8 o'clock to-day. Boyd had some trouble with the woman regarding reports she had circulated against him, and last night he visited her dressmaking establishment and administered a severe whipping. This morning the quarrel was renewed, and Boyd whipped her a second time. Securing a revolver, she fired at him twice, as he was leaving her place, but missed him. Before she could carry out her threat of murder she was arrested and jailed. Boyd represented this section at the last Republican national convention, and he is quite a factor in Republican politics all through Middle Tennessee. He seconded Harrison's nomination from the Tennessee delegation, and was one of the committee that waited on Whitelaw Reid, notifying him of his being the choose for second place.

SUICIDE OF A CASHIER.

His Father Killed Himself Thirty-Two Years Ago.

LOUISVILLE, March 4.-Henry W. Bohmer, bookkeeper of the Western Bank, committed so cide at his home on Hepburn avenue this afternoon by shooting himself in the head. He had been down town, and on returning home passed through the hall, bidding his daughter Nora good-bye. He then want to his room and shortly after-ward the report of a pistol was heard. He dead before a physician could reach Bohmer has been despondent for some time. Pis father committed suicide thirtytwo years ago by jumping in the river. Boli ner was formerly cashier of the Germay. National Bank and was thirty-nine years old. He leaves a wife and nine chil-

here Is One Thing Certain, However, Call it malaria or what you may, and it generally comes without calling, where ill health does exist Simmons Liver Regulator | Henry Labouchere continues to lead the

SCANDAL TO ENGLAND

Victoria Insults the Nation in Her Letter of Acceptance.

Gladstone, Greatest Englishman of the Age, the Bulwark of the Throne, Dismissed Like a Cad.

LORD ROSEBERY TO SUCCEED

Indication that a Crisis in Tory Affairs Is Approaching.

The Irish Party to Have Fresh Fuel for Agitation, with a Possible End to Anti-Parnellism.

LONDON, March 5.- The Chronicle this morning says: "One of the most significant events of Saturday may have possibly escaped public attention. On that day the great steward of our empire placed his resignation, after sixty years of service, in his royal mistress's hands. The resignation was recorded by the Queen in the court circular in the formal phrase habitual to the resignation of a Prime Minister. It was graciously accepted. There was not a line, not a syllable of regret or thanks, and far less of personal sorrow than was expressed when Lord Salisbury, a statesman, who, compared with Gladstone, is a mere youngling in the great business of Parliament, relinquished office after vainly attempting to coerce Ireland. The Queen notified the public of the fact of Lord Salisbury's resignation by stating that she accepted that resignation with much regret. The phrase was an extraordinary one. We are inclined to think that it was unprecedented in the Queen's reign, if not in the whole Guelph period. Her Majesty, we gather, does not view with regret the departure from her council of the mightiest of living Englishmen, the heroic figure of his age, and that statesman of whom our children's children will speak when we are in the dust, and there would be, we suggest, reason above all others why the nation expected some touch of personal feeling from the Queen when she bade farewell to her illustrious servant. He alone. of all others, has been the safeguard of the English monarchy and its preserver at once against its unwise friends and open foes. Again and again has Mr. Gladstone held the bridge against the Radicals when the smallest outwork of privilege or endowment attached to the royal house was attacked, and now he goes, this mightiest of all figures of the Victorian age, unthanked and undismissed, with the phrase that covered the retreat of the feeblest of his predecessors.'

CURT AND THANKLESS. The curt and thankless manner in which the Queen announces the retirement of Mr. Gladstone will prove interesting to Americans. It is contained in the court circular, and is written by a court official. Every word of this circular is generally submitted to the Queen in advance. The announcement is dated, Windsor Castle, March 3, and begins thus:

"The Queen, accompanied by her Royal Highness Princess Beatrice, drove out yes terday afternoon." Then follows a list of the arrivals at the castle, headed by the names of the children of the Duchess of Albany, Prince and Princess Henry of Bat-tenberg, the Hon. Thomas F. Bayard, American embassador to the court of St. James, and the French embassador, end-ing with the names of Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone. It then goes on to enumerate all those who attended her Majesty's dinner party, wherein the names of Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone come last. This is followed by the information that the Queen and Prin-cess Beatrice went out this morning, and then comes the fact that a Cabinet council has been held. Finally, following the announcement anent the council, comes the announcement that the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone had an "audience of the Queen" and tendered his resignation, "which was graciously accepted by her Majesty." It adds that the Queen has summoned Earl Rosebery, K. G., Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and offered him the post of Prime Minister vacated by the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, M. P., and that Rosebery has accepted her Majesty's offer. Mr. Gladstone to-day wrote a letter to Earl Rosebery, congratulating him on his accession to the premiership. In his letter Mr. Gladstone promised to aid the new Prime Minister whenever his assistance was asked. It is understood that Earl Rosebery's communication to Sir William Vernon-Harcourt has resulted in the latter consenting to retain his position as Chancellor of the Exchequer and to his accepting the government leadership in the House of Commons. Notwithstanding the fact that to-day was nominally a day of rest, Lord Herbert Asquith, the Home Secretary, and Earl Spencer, First Lord of the Admiralty, visited him and remained for some time. Afterward Lord Rosebery called on the Earl of Kimberly, and offered to him the post of Foreign Secretary, made vacant by his own promotion to the position of Prime Minister. Sir William Vernon-Harcourt had a long interview with Lord Rosebery this afternoon. The new Prime Minister has appointed Mr. Munroe Ferguson his political private secretary. Lord Rose-bery has been the recipient of many congratulatory letters and dispatches. Among those who telegraphed to him were the Prince and Princess of Wales. A large number of persons left their cards at Lord Rosebery's city residence, No. 38 Berkely

Hundreds of letters and telegrams expressing regret because of his retirement from office were received by Mr. Gladstone. The ex-Prime Minister attended church twice to-day. He looked remarkably well. Mrs. Gladstone has not yet entirely re-covered from her recent indisposition. A physician called twice to-day at Downing street to attend her. The Nationalists propose to present to Mr. Gladstone an address in recognition of the

great service that he has rendered to the Irish cause. The speech from the throne proroguing Parliament was signed by the Queen yes terday. It is neither long nor significant. The speech is the last official document prepared by Mr. Gladstone. It briefly refers to the protracted and laborious character of the session. It is stated that Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone will go, on Tuesday, to Brighton, and that they will spend Easter

at Hawarden Castle. Prime Minister Rosebery held his first Cabinet council at his residence this afternoon. All the Ministers were present except Mr. Asquith and Mr. Henry Fowler, the president of the local government board, who, however, will retain their of fices. The council was in session for only a short time. On its conclusion Lord Rosebery sent a message to the Queen, submitting, it is understood, the names of the members of the new Cabinet, Lord Rosebery will be given an audience by the Queen at Buckingham Palace at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

The Irish Independent, of Dublin, which is a Parnellite organ, will to-morrow contain an article saying that as Mr. Gladstone has now retired it will be necessary that full and complete assurances be obtained from Lord Rosebery that the government's home-rule policy shall be continued. It adds that only on condition that Lord Rosebery, in the fullest sense, adheres to this policy and gives guarantees that a home-rule bill will be passed within a practicable period of time can the Parnellites continue to support the Liberal government. On this point, the paper declares, there must be no weakness or hesitation. Lord Rosebery must show his colors immediately.

NO SPLIT INEVITABLE. Interviews had to-day with leading members of the House of Commons show that while a section of the Radicals continue to strongly resent the selection of Lord Rosebery instead of Sir William Vernon-Harcourt as Mr. Gladstone's successor, there is a large preponderance of Liberals who favor loyally accepting Lord Rosebery. Mr. i traconcilables. He hints that they will soon | glement resulting from a series of disasters.

find an opportunity to protest in a practical form in the House of Commons against the selection of Lord Rosebery as Prime Minister. Mr. Gavin Brown Clark, a leading Scotch Radical member of the House of Commons, says that he agrees with the position taken up by Mr. Labouchere, and adds that he himself will probably emphasize his protest by the withably emphasize his protest by the withdrawal of his support of the government at an early and critical occasion. He declares that he is opposed to a peer-led government. He will probably move an amendment to the address in reply to the Queen's speech proroguing the session, in order to raise the subject of home rule all around. Other members of the House, while expressing sympathy with this attitude, declare that the subject of the subject of the House, while expressing sympathy with this attitude, declare that the subject of the clare that they do not feel justified in over-turning the Liberal government, especially as Lord Rosebery is pledged to questions that are put down for the earliest treatment at the new session, and because they have every reason to believe that he agrees that there is urgency of a material limita-tion of the powers of the House of Lords. Moreover, the opinion is expressed that Lord Rosebery may propitiate the profes-sional and commercial classes, besides softening the rancor of the opposition of the Liberal Unionists, which, with the cheice of a more belligerent leader, such as Sir William Vernon-Harcourt, might have been prolonged and intensified. The Welsh members of the House of Commons are deeply concerned in the situation, in view of the early place promised by the government for the Welsh disestablishment bill in the next session; but the general feeling is one of confidence that Lord Rosebery will carry out the promises made by Mr. Gladstone. It is argued, moreover, that if the reorganized government be early upset the prospects of Welsh disestablishment will be indefinitely delegated. indefinitely delayed.

The Irish Nationalists state that they do not feel as if they had any right to take

promises of the government and their own voting strength, they rely on the government giving practical attention in du course to the Irish claim.

Commenting this morning on the political situation the Times says: The prevailing belief is that Mr. John Morley, Chief Sec-retary for Ireland, will go to the India Office, but there is much doubt regarding his successor as Irish Secretary. The paper further says it is anticipated that Mr. Gladstone will issue an address to his constituents in Midlothian stating his reasons for leaving the premiership. The paper adds that as far as can be ascertained, Mr. Gladstone will retain his seat in the House of Commons. The Times concludes by stat-ing that there is much apprehension regarding the attitude of the Parnelite memhers of the House of Commons, and that the Ministers would not be surprised if Mr Redmond, the leader of that section of the

part in the agitation over the leadership of the Liberal party, but, strong in the past

PLEASES THE TIMES.

Irish parliamentary party, made an early bid for Radical support, with a view to

squeezing the government on matters of interest to both sections.

The Thunderer Glad to Have Rosebery in Gladstone's Place. LONDON, March 5.- The Times this morning, in a letter, says that among all those who understand that considerations of a national character are involved, the conviction is even stronger than among the Liberals that Lord Rosebery is the most fitting successor to Mr. Gladstone in the present crisis. Continuing, the Times says: With Lord Rosebery we can confidently expect a certain unity of thought and action. He is an imperialist in national affairs, and has recognized that there is no question anywhere of oppressing Ireland; but there is a defined difference between the Unionists and the party that he leads. As to the difference of opinion concerning the best means of governing Ireland, he has even hinted that the difference might disappear if it were properly treated. That is an attitude which may work an enormous change in the relations between the parties and possibly in the distribution of individ-uals. It is a reversion to the wiser statesmanship of an earlier day and offers the welcome hope of escape from the degrad-ing servitude in which Mr. Gladstone has been content to live and to compel the na-"In the large province of legislation dealing with social problems, Lord Rosebery, jud inc from scattered indications, is prepared to make a bold, though we trust, not 2 headlong experiment. In that direction we will watch his developments with great anxiety. On the important question of naval defense there will be an end to the hesitation and reluctance that has been so marked

during Mr. Gladstone's tenure of office, but on all questions of great policy the new Ministry will follow the leader of the old one. It is quite certain that his term of office will not be a matter of serious solicitude to Lord Rosebery. His tasks will be to rescue his party from its deplorably shattered condition and to free it from degrading subservience to a faction, careless of the interests of the ampire and hostile to the interests of the empire and hostile to England. In these tasks he cannot hope for success under existing conditions without a period of salutary discipline and reflection in opposition. Sooner or later the Liberal party must go in retreat and prepare for a new career of usefulness. The Daily News declares that the government will meet Parliament as strong, except in the absence of Mr. Gladstone as before. In one respect it will be even stronger. The attack on the unlimited and impracticable veto of the House of Lords will gain force by the guidance of a peer. Lord Rosebery, several months ago, introduced a bill abolishing the House of Lords and substituting therefor an elective Senate. A more practical solution of the present crisis, however, is the plan formerly proposed by the Right Hon. John Morley, and understood to have been suggested by Lord Rosebery himself, by which a peer might relinquish his seat in the House of Lords and become a candidate for a seat in the House of Commons. Lord Rosebery is expected to confront Parliament with a strong advanced policy. If he fulfills that expectation he need not fear the result.

Celebrating Religious Liberty. BUDA PESTH, March 4.-This city was the scene to-day of a great gathering of people who came from all parts of the country to take part in a great mass meeting, the object of which was to declare in support of the government's measure providing for civil marriage, religious liberty and recognition of the Jewish faith. It is esti-mated that at least 130,000 persons took part in the demonstration. Lines were formed in various parts of the city, and the processionists, with bands playing and banners flying, marched to a central point, where all joined in one gigantic parade. Prime Minster Werkerle and other members of the Hungarian Cabinet viewed the procession from the windows of houses along Andrassy

strasse. Unlucky Number Arrested. PARIS, March 4.-Thirteen Anarchists were arrested here to-day. The police made a search of the lodgings occupied by the prisoners, found and selzed a quantity of explosives and a mass of Anarchist docu-ments. Recent searches made by the police have disclosed the fact that numbers of

against outrages. Among those who have thus paid what is practically blackmail are Will Cost 20,000,000 Pesetas, MADRID, March 4.-A dispatch from Mellila states that General De Campos, the special envoy, who was sent to the Sultan of Morocco, by Spain, to present the Spanish demands for indemnity for the attacks made on Mellila by the Riff tribesmen, has brought his negotiations to a successful

conclusion. The Sultan will pay to Spain

in settlement of her claims, the sum of 20,-

000,000 pesetas. Prince of Wales Wins a Race. MARSEILLES, March 4.-The yacht Britannia, owned by the Prince of Wales, won a race for 2,000 francs, off this port to-day. The Orietta, owned by the Marquis was second. The race was witnessed by thousands of people, and the victory of the Britannia caused much enthusi-

TALMAGE WILL NOT RESIGN.

The Brooklyn Divine Once More Promises to Stand by His Flock.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., March 4.-Just before the commencement of the morning service at the Brooklyn Tabernacle to-day the Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage said to a congregation that crowded the church to the doors that he had an announcement to make. He then read the following letter: "Brooklyn, N. Y., March 4.—Dear breth-ren of the board of trustees of the Brooklyn Tabernacle: Your urgent letter at hand. I had fully intended to resign my position, not only because twenty-five years of Brooklyn pastorate will soon have been passed but because of the financial entan-

which would have crushed any bank or insurance company or worldly institution. Now, by the blessing of God on your management, our church is put out of all embarrassment, and I believe has seen its last crisis. Persuaded by what you say in your letter of yesterday, and by what I hear from all sides, and after seeking divine direction. I now and here declare my vine direction, I now and here declare my intention to remain your pastor. What I have suffered at the anticipation of parting from this noble and devoted flock and expected removal from this beloved city, in whose affairs I have always been deeply interested, no one can estimate. And now, with more faith and higher expectation than I had at any previous point in my ministry, I join you in a new campaign for God and the world's betterment. Yours, "T. De WITT TALMAGE."

VERMONT DAY AT 'FRISCO.

First of the State Celebrations at the Midwinter Fair.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4.-First State day at the midwinter fair was celebrated yesterday. That event was Vermont day. A large crowd of Vermonters were on the ground. The formal exercises took place at Festival Hall, which was profusely decorated. When the exercises opened, at 1:30 o'clock, there were present on the platform Governor Fuller of Vermont, Governor Markham, Gen. R. Alger of Michigan, ex-United States Senator Sawyer of Wiscon-sin, and many other distinguished people. F. Dillingham, president of the day, deliv-ered the opening address. He was followed by Director-general DeYoung, who delivered the address of welcome Governor Markthe address of welcome. Governor Mark-ham welcomed Governor Fuller, who responded at some length. The celebration concluded by an original poem by John Vance Cheney. The attendance was 17,500.

AN ARMY OF TRAMPS

Word from Kansas of a Host to March to Washington.

Most of Them Said to Be Tramps Who Propose to Capture Freight Trains and Live on the Country.

TOPEKA, Kan., March 4.-There will be a big delegation from Kansas to join Gen. Coxey, when he starts on his grand march to Washington. Already the movement is taking root in several of the towns and cities of the States where are many men out of employment. At Bickerson, Newton, Hutchison, Emporia, Arkansas City, Goodland, Horton, Belleville, Argentine and Topeka, there are several hundred men who have formerly been employed by the various railroads, but who have been discharged on account of the hard times. Many of these men are without money, but the percentage who will join in the crowd to go with Coxey to Washington is small. The class that proposes to take the trip to Washington is made up generally of tramps, who came into the State because of Governor Lewelling's famous tramp circular and who are not citizens of Kansas. This element want to organize and move that place by the latter part of April. The leaders of the proposed march are opposed to walking. They say they can just as well ride on freight trains. They argue that if forty or fifty go together they can take possession of the cars, and that no train crew will be large enough to dislodge them. They further believe that they have everything to gain and nothing to lose by joining the Ohio army in its march to the capital. They would be assured of something to eat because they would travel in such numbers as to enforce compliance with their demands. A great many applications have been made to C. Vincent Perry, of Oklahoma, who is organizing an excursion to go to Washington. Vincent is a prominent Populist, and is figuring on running a train of fifteen coaches through to Washington from Arkansas City.

ONLY EIGHT OUNCES.

Smallest Baby Ever Heard of Born in

Connecticut Yesterday. ESSEX, Conn., March 4 .- The smallest baby yet reported was born in Killingworth, a village about eight miles west of this place. The parents are Swedes. The father is employed by a farmer, cutting timber, and weighs about 190 pounds. The mother is a stout, healthy woman, weighing perhaps 160 pounds. The child is a male, as perfectly formed as any being can be, and on its birth weighed only eight ounces. Its face is about the size of a horse chestnut. A ring worn on a little finger of its mother was easily slipped over his foot nearly up to the knee. It is the opinion of the attending physician that the child will live. The child is so small that three of its like could play hide and seek in a cigar box.

STAMPEDE TO PROFESSIONALISM

May Result from the Johnson-Zimmerman Bicycle Match.

NEW YORK, March 4.-Mr. W. J. Morgan, of the American Wheelman, accompanied by Mr. A. J. Cahill, of the Referee (Chicago), called at the Associated Press office this evening and stated that Zimmerman, the amateur bicyclist champion of the world, had called at the American Wheelman office and said, in reply to the challenge issued by John S. Johnson to race any man from a quarter of a mile to five miles, that he would meet Johnson at any distance, provided a large stake was put up-the stake to be not less than \$5,000, and from that up. Should Zimmerman and Johnson join the ranks of the professional riders it would probably cause a stampede to the professional from the amateur ranks.

TWO VESSELS SUNK.

Ice Gorge in the Missouri Broke Caus-

ing Great Damage. SIOUX CITY, Ia., March 4 .- An ice gorge in the Missouri river gave way unexpectedly to-day, and two steamboats were caught in it and sunk. They were the Mary Bennett and the Vint Stillings. The crews well-to-do persons have given money to escaped, making their way to shore by Anarchists with a view to insure themselves jumping from one ice cake to another. It is thought that both boats will be a total

> Unprecedented Downpour. MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., March 4.-Minnesota was visited to-day by one of the worst thunder and rainstorms ever known in this section at this time of year. At Stillwater the downpour flooded the streets and carried into the town great quantities of earth and rubbish from the hills. Hundreds of lumbermen and teams came in from the woods, and the logging season has been brought to an abrupt termination. At Atkin the water is pouring into the Misslssippi, and, as the river is still ice-bound, fears are entertained that an ice gorge will form and flood the surrounding country. At Cannon Falls the snow disappeared as if by magic and the ice is honeycombed, though not broken. Bridges will be in great danger unless a cold snap checks the flood. The ice has broken up below the bridge at

> CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., March 4.-Heavy rains caused the Cedar river to rise between three and four feet in a few hours to-day, carrying the ice out in the river. About fifty feet of the dam was carried out with the ice. When the water goes down it will lower the water above the dam about four feet, exposing the inlet pipe from which the city gets its water supply, thus making a water famine imminent unless repairs are made immediate-Rain is still falling in torrents.

Movements of Steamers.

NEW YORK, March 4.-Arrived: Zaandam, from Amsterdam. NEW YORK, March 4.-Arrived: Lucania, from Liverpool.

NEW YORK, March 4.-Arrived: Edam, from Rotterdam. LONDON, March 4.-Arrived: England, from New York.

HAVRE, March 4.-Arrived, La Bretagne,

TALKATIVE SENATORS

Report of Committee on the Tariff Unavoidably Delayed.

Those Informed of Changes in Wilson's Bill Refuse to Give a Hint on Any of the Items.

JOHN KERN AT THE CAPITAL

Will Seek an Immediate Hearing of Indiana Tax Cases.

Chief Justice Fuller Opposed to a Sitting of the Supreme Court Without a Full Bench.

WASHINGTON, March 4.- The Democratic members of the Senate committee on finance find it necessary to take at least one more day to consider the tariff bill before presenting it to the full committee. They had been very anxious to complete the bill yesterday so as to be able to lay it before the full committee to-morrow and they did not relax in this purpose until the last moment before completing their work yesterday, but they found that it had been necessary to give so much time to the Senators who wanted to be heard on the various schedules that they had comparatively little time for consultation. Consequently, they were unable to send the bill to the printer last night and they postponed this until to-morrow, when they promise to complete the bill in time to have it printed for presentation on Tuesday morning. The committee has progressed so far, and have heard the dissatisfied Senators so fully that they feel confident now of being able to carry out this programme, although there is

considerable detail work still to be done. While some of the schedules of the bill have been agreed to, for the time being, by the committee, the work is not considered finally concluded on any of them, and important changes are liable to be made up to the last moment before the meeting of the full committee. For this reason members of the committee decline, absolutely, to give out any of the rates fixed. They also refuse to confirm any figures published. While they do not say that the rate of 40 cents per ton on iron ore and coal are erroneous, they assert that whatever figures they may have agreed to, even on these articles, are still subject to change, and that as it is with these articles so it is with the entire list. The contest between the members of the committee and the discontented element has been very sharp. Sen-ators Hill, Gorman, Brice, White, Caffery and Smith, and, possibly, two or three other Senators, constitute a very compact organization, and they constitute an influence which the committee is finding it difficult to regist. These Senators have been in constant consultation. Still, members of the committee do not believe that the opposition of the Senators will go to the extent of opposing the bill by their votes. Sugar is still, as it has been from the start, the most disturbing element with which the committee has been called on to deal and there is far greater trouble in fixing a rate satisfactory to the refiners than to the

The Republican members of the committee have not changed their purpose of asking for an explanation, in committee, of the changes made, and they will insist upon explicit and comprehensive statements. Senator Morrill has reiterated his purpose to this end within the past day or two, and other Republican members of the Senate finance committee will sustain him in his position. If the Democratic members comply, as it is supposed they will, in a measure, it is probable that some time will be consumed, so that, even though the bill be presented to the full committee on Tuesday it cannot be definitely stated just when it will be reported to the Senate. The Democratic members are pledged, however, to get it in at the earliest practicable mo-

BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT.

indianapolis Attorneys in Washington on the Railroad Tax Cases.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. WASHINGTON, March 4.-Hons. John W. Kern, A. G. Smith, W. H. Ketcham and Samuel O. Pickens, of Indianapolis, arrived this afternoon and registered at the Ebbitt. They come to present a motion to the Supreme Court for the advancement of the celebrated Indiana railroad tax cases on the docket, so that they may be soon heard and decided. If possible, they will make the motion for advancement to-morrow. It is true, as wired the Journal last night, that Associate Justice Jackson is out of the city, probably indisposed and in Florida, and that there will not be a full bench of the court here before the first Monday in April, and the court has long ago said it would hear the Indiana tax cases only before a full bench, but Messrs. Kern, Ketcham et al. contend that a full bench is not absolutely necessary unless there be a division on the opinion and that with Justice White, who takes his seat to-morrow, the argument may as well proceed in Jackson's absence. Chief Justice Fuller has said a number of times, however, that these cases are of such widespread importance that there must be a full bench present when they are argued. The grounds upon which an advancement will be asked so that a hearing may soon be had, are that there are three years of railroad taxes due the various counties in the State, and to many of them these taxes are extremely important, and in many instances the deferring of payment is making embarrassment; that the third year's taxes will become delinquent in April and the railroad companies will want to escape the penalties. The Indianapolis attorneys who arrived to-day believe they will succeed in their efforts and have an early day set for the arguments. Although the spring term of the Supreme Court begins to-morrow, none of the cases which have been awaiting a hearing by a full beach can be taken up at once. There are twenty-five of these cases on the waiting list, among the most important being those involving the title to mineral lands in the grants to the Northern Pacific railroad, the finances of the defunct Mormon Church and the interpretation of clauses of the McKinley tariff act. The delay is necessitated by the absence of Justice Jackson, who is in Florida, where he will remain until April, for the benefit of his health. Several cases needing a full bench for their consideration are on the calendar for hearing to-morrow, but they will, necessarily, be passed. Most important among these are the tide-water cases from the United States Circuit Court for the State of Washington, on which depend the title to much of the land on which the cities of Seattle and Tacoma stand, two cases involving the constitutionality of the Massachusetts oleomargarine laws, and the celebrated oyster case of Robert L. Wharton against the sheriff of Accomack county, Virginia. Three murder appeals are also on the calendar for Monday, but they will probably be submitted on briefs. A large number of important cases will be decided by the court to-morrow, which have been under consideration during the recess. The absence of Justice Jackson leaves Senator White free, if he feels so disposed, to remain in the Senate for another month

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WASHINGTON, March 4.- There will be a lull in the House for several weeks after the excitement that has existed there since the holidays. It is the intention of the House managers to push the consideration of the appropriation bills to the exclusion of everything else during the coming week. Two days and probably three will be taken to complete the consideration of the pen-